PRODUCTION ITEMS TO COST MORE IN '60

The price for production items supplied from the non-farm part of the economy and used in farming will continue upward in 1960, but there are still opportunities for reducing production costs per unit of output, say agricultural economists at VPI.

Farmers continue to be faced with increasing prices of power and machinery. In March of this year, prices paid by farmers for new machinery, excluding tractors, averaged 5 per cent higher than a year earlier and more than 50 per cent above the 1947-49 average. However, current retail prices of farm machinery, power, and structures reflect in part cost of additions and improvements. These extras include live power take-offs on tractors and improved hydraulic controls with power steering.

Farm wage rates in October reached a new record mark for the season. The national composite hourly wage rates around October 1 averaged 80.6 cents per hour, 1 cent higher than a year earlier. During the same period Virginia's composite wage rates went from 68.1 cents to 70.1 cents per hour.

During the past year family workers on Virginia farms dropped 6 per cent while hired workers dropped 1.3 per cent. A larger percentage of the total work on Virginia farms is being done by hired labor compared to last year.

A moderate increase in the number of livestock using grain is in prospect for the next year, but the supplies per animal unit will again set a new high. Feed grain prices in Virginia will be held down by heavy supplies.

There will likely be more oil seed meal than last year, with most of the increase in cottonseed meal. The soybean crop for the United States is estimated at 7 per cent less than last year. The economists say meat and milk producers might well investigate the possibilities of using cottonseed meal rather than soybean meal for their protein needs. The price relationships between soybean meal and corn make it necessary for farmers to check closely on their protein level of feeding.

Another large hay crop in Virginia, on top of the record crop last year, makes hay supplies relatively large on Virginia farms. Virginia hay prices are likely to be lower.

Prices paid by farmers for seed in mid-September averaged 6 per cent below a year earlier.

Mid-September prices of certified alfalfa seed, however, were higher. Common alfalfa prices were slightly lower. The Virginia red clover seed crop is estimated to be only half as large as last year's big crop and 4 per cent under the 10-year average. This probably will result in higher prices for Virginia red clover seed.

Production of orchard grass seed in Virginia for 1959 is the smallest since 1954, a drop of 48 per cent from last year and 18 per cent below average. Orchard grass seed supplies for the United States are about 1-4 below the 10-year average. Thus, prices are likely to be higher.

Ladina clover seed prices are lower than they were during spring planting, but higher than a year earlier. Retail prices of orchard grass, red top, Kentucky bluegrass, and tall fescue are above those of the 1959 planting season. Timothy and common rye grass are the only grass seed selling lower than last year.

During the past 10 years, increases in the price of fertilizer have been small compared with increases in farm wages and production items from off the farm. Farmers are buying more high analysis fertilizer, thereby cutting nutrient costs.

Tight money supply and high interest rates aren't likely to soften in the next several months. And the economists say that because of heavy expenditures in counties for school facilities, many farmers are likely to receive heavier tax bills in 1960.

POULTRY NESTING MATERIALS COMPARED IN VPI STUDIES

What nesting materials should be used for poultry?

Tests conducted by Drs. P. B. Siegel and C. E. Howes at VPI Agricultural Experiment Station, indicate that if the nests are maintained properly, the type of nesting material has little effect on the percentage of clean, cracked or broken eggs.

The poultry scientists say that to maintain nests properly, it was necessary to add nesting materials frequently to those containing hay, or sugar cane. No addition of nesting material, however, was needed for nests containing fine calcined clay, and only one addition of material was needed for the nests containing coarse calcined clay during a 19-week period.

It seems that the choice of materials to use would depend largely on cost and on how much the operator's time is worth since much more time is needed to replace some nesting materials than others.

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for December 13, 1959

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County Line

County Line, Dec. 4.- Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Waller during last week were the following friends and relatives: Mrs. R. T. Waller, of Red House; Miss Ann Waller, Miss Barbara Wilhelm, and Mr. Bob Page, of Richmond.

Also Mr. John Waller, of Ashville, N. C.; Mr. Dick Waller, of Glen Allen, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Anderson, Mr. Donald Anderson, Miss Alice Anderson, of Jamaica, N. Y., Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Evans, of Cleveland, Ohio.

County Line, Dec. 1.- (Too late for last week's issue) Miss Ruth Woodson accompanied her sister, Mrs. Houston Reams and family, of N. J. to the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reams, of Charlotte County, for a visit. On Thursday, they all had a Thanksgiving dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Woodson, of Spout Spring.

The W. M. S. met in the home of Miss Emma Haar on Monday P. M., with eleven ladies present.

Mr. Barney Evans, of Michigan, has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Waller.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jordan spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jordon, of N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Grishaw, of near Old Well spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mullin.

Mr and Mrs. Nelson Mann spent Sunday afternoon with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mann.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Mann and Mr. and Mrs. Shepard, of near Naruna spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Mann.

Richard and Donnie Jones spent the week-end with their uncle, Luther Jones, near Phenix.

Mrs. Jesse Jones has been on the sick list. Those visiting her recently were Mr. and Mrs. Everette Ferguson, Mr. Hunter Nash and son, Mrs. Bill Painter, and daughter, Dorothy, Mrs. Bernard Pillow, Mrs. Roscoe Ramsey, Mrs. Howard Beasley, and Mrs. Vernie Jones.

Mrs. Ester Cawthorn and Mrs. Tilden Paulette visited Mrs. Everette Ferguson this afternoon.

Mrs. Shirley Reynolds and Mrs. Iris Carter were recent visitors of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otey Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. James Mayberry, of Millboro, spent a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mayberry.

INSECTS STILL PLAGUE VIRGINIA HOMEOWNERS

Cold weather doesn't mean a complete stop to insect activity.

There are still certain pests around to annoy Virginia homeowners and farmers, report entomologists at VPI.

Recent visitors of Mrs. Russell Mayberry were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Goggin and family, of Pamplin and Mrs. Richard Nash and others.

Mr. Frank Moore and Vernie Jones were in Harrisonburg Monday.

Recent visitors in the home of Vernie Jones were Mr. Victor Jones, of Newport News, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Knight, of Washington, and Mrs. Otey Padgett and grandson, of Lynchburg.

Aphids are troublesome on pine trees in some localities. The entomologists say they can be washed off shade trees with a strong stream of water, or controlled with malathion spray during warmer periods.

Gloomy scale, heavy on maple in at least one county, can be controlled by the use of a dormant oil of 3 per cent actual oil strength when the temperature is above 40 degrees.

Oystershell scale also is attacking a wide variety of trees and shrubs. It is one of the more difficult species to control. The scale passes the winter in the egg stage, and the scale covering almost envelops the eggs. A 3 per cent dormant oil spray will kill about 60 to 75 per cent of the eggs. Better control is possible by spraying in the spring after the eggs hatch and the young are migrating to new wood.

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